

"Extract from Entry From Marquis KIDO's Diary, 22 June 41."

June 22nd. 1941 - (Extract)

At 2 p.m. General SUZUKI, President of the Planning Board, telephoned me saying that the report relating to the outbreak of war between Soviet Russia and Germany had been received. Foreign Minister MATSUOKA also telephoned me to say that the official report of the commencement of the war between Soviet Russia and Germany from Ambassador OSHIMA had been received. So I asked TOKUGAWA, the gentlemen in waiting on duty, to consult the Imperial convenience to see Foreign Minister MATSUOKA, and it was decided that he would be granted an audience with the Emperor at 5.30 p.m. Before Foreign Minister MATSUOKA had his audience with the Emperor, I was received in audience by the Emperor to present my opinion based on my talk with Prince KONOYE and Baron HIRANUMA last night as follows: There has been a difference of opinion between the Premier and the Foreign Minister concerning our foreign policy to be followed in case of war breaking out between Germany and Soviet Russia. As this war would have a predominant influence upon the future of this country, it was very desirable that his Majesty the Emperor should ask Foreign Minister MATSUOKA whether he had already consulted the Premier about it or not, and if not, prevail upon him to follow Prince KONOYE's opinion.

At 5.30 p.m. Foreign Minister MATSUOKA had his audience with the Emperor. After that I was requested to proceed to the Palace and was received in audience from 6.40 to 6.50 p.m. On this occasion, the Emperor was pleased to point out that the Foreign Minister's policy would mean Japan's positive advance to both the Northern and Southern regions and that it was quite doubtful

whether or not the Government and the Supreme War Command would agree and whether or not such policy would ever be appropriate in consideration of our national strength. His Majesty looked very anxious about this matter. I therefore telephoned Prince KONOYE to consult with him, but found he was not at home. Then I telephoned Baron HIRANUMA to say that it was desirable for him to pay careful consideration to this matter. At 9.30 p.m. I telephoned Prince KONOYE to report the progress of Mr. Matsuoka's audience with the Emperor, and to ask him to act with prudence at the Liaison Conference. At 00.30 a.m. Prince KONOYE telephoned me to say that he had just had a visit from Foreign Minister MATSUOKA, who explained that what he had reported to the Throne yesterday was his prospect of the future and was never meant as a matter to be put into action immediately.

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六月二十二日 日 曇時々晴

午前十時徒歩ニテ深澤氏ヲ訪ヒ齒ノ治療ヲ受  
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十一時足松君來訪面談

二時清水洋服店來リ國民服ノ假縫ヲ爲ス

二時鈴木總裁ヨリ電話ニテ獨ソ門限ノ報入リ  
タル旨連絡アリタリ

四時過松岡外相ヨリ電話ニテ獨ソ門限ノ公電  
大島大使ヨリ入リタル趣ニテ拜謁ヲ願出來ル

ヨツテ當直ノ徳川侍從ヲ經テ御都合ヲ伺ヒタ  
ル結果午後五時半ニ拜謁被仰付コトトナリヨ

ツテ昨夜近衛首相平治内相ト懇談ノ際ニ得タ  
ル印象ニ基キ松岡外相拜謁前拜謁ヲ斷ヒ大要

左ノ通り言上ス

獨蘇開戦ノ場合我國ノ執ルベキ態度方針ニツ  
イテハ外相ノ意見ハ必シモ首相ノ意見ニ一致

セザル様見受ケラル而ンテ今回ノ問題ニ對ス  
ル我國ノ處置ハ國運ノ將來ニ重大ナル影響ヲ

與フルモノナレバ外相本日ノ拜謁ニ當リテハ  
種々之ガ對策ニツキ見解ヲ申上グベキモ右ニ

ツイテハ首相ト相談済ナリヤ今回ノ事件ハ極

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五時半松岡外相参内拜謁ス

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星ヶ岡茶寮ニ於ケル和田ノ里邸リ宴ニ出席ス

歸宅後九時半近衛公ニ電話シ外相拜謁ノ繼續ヲ傳ヘ連絡會談ニ於テ善處方ヲ希望ス

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"Extract from Entry from Marquis KIDO'S Diary, 23 June 41"

I went to my office at 10 a.m. I talked with the Chief Aide-de-Camp to the Emperor concerning the war between Germany and Soviet Russia. From 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. I was received in audience by the Emperor, and expressed my opinion about such matters as the Foreign Minister's report submitted to the Throne yesterday and the future outlook of the international situation. The Lord Chamberlain called on me at my office at 11:30 a.m. I informed him what I had just reported to the Throne. At 1 p.m. the Chief Aide-de-Camp to the Emperor called on me to report on matters relative to the Chief of the General Staff's audience with His Majesty, the Emperor. Prince Konoye proceeded to the Palace. We talked from 2:40 p.m. to 4 p.m. exchanging frank opinions on the changed situation caused by Germany's war against Soviet Russia. I went to my official residence at 4:20 p.m. when I had a call from General SUZUKI, President of the Planning Board, with whom I exchanged opinions. He put forth his opinion as to the unification and reinforcement of the Imperial General Headquarters. I agreed in principle, but called his attention to the matter concerning consultation with the Board of Field Marshals and Fleet Admirals.

## 木戸侯爵日記

昭和十六年六月二十三日分

六月二十三日 月 曇

午前十時出島 武官長ト獨ソ開談ニツキ面談  
 十時半ヨリ十一時迄拜謁 昨日松岡外相拜謁  
 ノ際言上シタル趣旨將來ノ見送云々ニツキ言  
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十一時半待從長來室同上ノ件ニツキ話ス

一時武官長來室參謀總長ノ奏上ニツキ話ヲ聽  
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一時半近衛首相參内拜謁後二時四十分頃四時  
 頃迄面談獨ソ開談ニ伴フ情勢ノ變化ニツキ臨  
 意ナク意見ヲ交換ス

四時二十分官邸ニ入り鈴木企畫院總務ノ來訪  
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 ノ論アリ趣旨ニ於テ賛成ナルモ元<sup>昭和</sup>諮詢云  
 々ニツキ注意ヲ與フ

五時山崎總監來訪 獨ソ開談ノ與ヘタル各方  
 面ニ於ケル影響ニツキ情報ヲ聽キ意見ヲ交換  
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高橋氏來訪正体術ヲ爲ス

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Entry from Marquis KIDO's Diary, 25 June 41June 25th, 1941 - Full

Mr. HASHIMOTO, Director of the Police Bureau, came to my house and reported about repercussions in various circles in this country. At 9 a.m. I went to Tokyo Station to send off President WANG CHING WEI. After this I had an interview with Prince KONOYE who said that he had a private talk with WANG CHING WEI last night, when the latter had expressed his opinion regarding general peace between China and Japan, saying that for the purpose of bringing about general peace, it was quite necessary as a matter of course to win over LI Tsung-jen and PAI Chung-Hsi, but at the same time our political demarche to CHIANG Kai-Shek was also necessary. Since we have to ask for the United States assistance for this purpose, Wang further said, the pro-American politicians would inevitably gain influence once more, but to meet this situation we would have to get our comrades properly posted in the Government. The matter of the adjustment of relations between CHIANG Kai-Shek and WANG Ching-Wei would be placed in the hands of TOYAMA. As regards the Japanese General Army Headquarters in China, the senior officers have a good understanding of our Chinese policy but the contacts between "superiors and inferiors", "left and right", and "front and rear" are bad. In consequence, it is no easy task to carry out our Chinese policy on the spot. Corrupt practices of the Army in China also have been indeed rife.

At 9.20 a.m. Karoku NOMURA paid me a visit to talk with me. From 10.45 a.m. to 11.35 a.m. I was received in audience by the Emperor. At 1 p.m. I consulted the Chief Aide-de-camp to the Throne as to the holding of the Liaison Conference and on other problems. I went home, and then I left home again for the Empress Dowager's Palace to offer my congratulations on her birthday. At 4 p.m. the Premier, the Chief of the Army General Staff, and Chief of the Naval General Staff proceeded to the Palace to report on the decisions of the Liaison Conference regarding the Japanese troops' entry into French Indo-China. I met Prince KONOYE at 4.30 p.m. and had a talk with him.

本戸侯館日記

昭和十六年六月二十五日分

六月二十五日 水 晴

午前七時半橋本局長來訪各方面ノ反響ヲ聽ク  
午前九時東京肆ニ汪院長ヲ見送ル同僚ニテ見  
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ル汪ノ意見ハ目下努力セル李崇仁伯崇喜等ノ  
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ノ中ニ適當ニ配置スルノ要アリ只汪ト蔣ノ關  
係ハ頭山翁ニ御任セスル積リニテ頭山翁ニ其  
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シキモノアリ 九時二十分村島六氏來訪面  
談十時四十五分ヨリ十一時三十五分迄拜謁一  
時武官長來室、連絡會議ノ開催其他ニツキ懇  
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四時首相兩總長參內連絡會議ノ決定事項ヲ奏

上ス 俄印進駐云々ナリ

四時半近衛公ト會談ス